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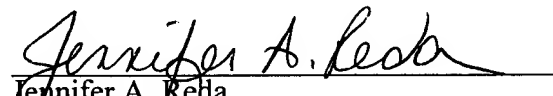
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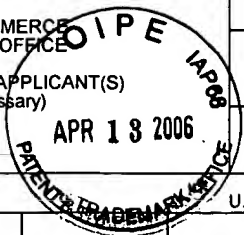
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JPA	01-242035	09/27/89	Japan			Abstract
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